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Gray Davis a "Joker"? Roscoe Deals Smaller Government

by **Elizabeth C. Brierly**
Editor, *California Freedom*

Libertarian Ned Roscoe handed out colorful decks of his "Revenge: Smokers Need Power!" gubernatorial campaign playing cards during his September 20th stop in San Jose, the "capital of Silicon Valley." He found time that day not only to address members of the executive committee but to join them for lunch (photo, below) at a local pizzeria boasting, of course, a Libertarian proprietor.

Roscoe's campaign log from midnight that evening reads, "Traveled to San Jose today to make the Libertarian Executive Committee laugh. I told them that if the election is delayed, we ought to get at least one Libertarian per county onto the ballot so we could share expenses on a bus trip around California,

cheering at each other's good sense." But those advocating deferral were thwarted, thus containing the cost of this very democratic statewide special election.

Roscoe has served the LPC well as its endorsed candidate seeking to replace that joker whose antics in the state capitol have spawned myriad nicknames, from "Gray-Out Doofus" to "Governor Low-Beam."

Along with ten of his fellow candidates, including David "Laughing Horse" Robinson, plus a representative for the "Socialist Equality" Party's candidate, Roscoe participated in a debate on Sept. 24 at Saratoga High School, where students in this affluent community posed quite thoughtful questions. A sort of interview via cell phone from the BBC was cut short by one of the candidates when it became clear that the British reporter was be-

having disrespectfully during this quite serious debate.

On October 3, Roscoe logged, "Citizens ought to be disappointed with the recall process. California appears to be moving towards the coronation of a charming bully. The solution is less government; not a different set of hands on the levers of power."

We now know that California has elected Mr. Schwarzenegger to man the levers of power. Thank you, Ned Roscoe, for spreading the word of freedom from new taxes and new laws, and your mantra that "the best answer is less government." ●

Elizabeth C. Brierly was the LPC's 2002 candidate for State Board of Equalization, District 1. During most of September, she was wishing she had invested in a "No, I'm Not Running for Governor" button. She serves on the board of Silicon Valley Taxpayers' Association, and works as a free-lance editor and communications consultant.



• LP candidate for governor Roscoe, proud of campaign materials



• Roscoe and rivals on 9/24/03

Shut 'Em Down! A winnable plan to downsize government

by **Scott Wilson**
Vice Chair, East Bay LP

I didn't join the Libertarian Party to make the Party bigger. I joined the Libertarian Party to make government smaller. In 2000, as one of my many efforts, I led a few East Bay LP (EBLP) activists and a couple dozen volunteers in defeating a county sales tax, Measure L. They said; "L is for Libraries." We said; "L NO NEW TAXES!"

Three hundred thousand dollars, the Teachers' Union, every politician and the *Contra Costa Times* opposed us. We spent less than \$5,000 and won by less than 2%.

We didn't convince 66.6+% to vote "No." We convinced only the last 5%—the 5% that was the quantum difference between victory and failure—and we won. Although we saved Contra Costa County taxpayers \$650 million, I can't say that we made government smaller, but we did stop it from growing.

Now I have a plan to downsize government—and it's a plan which is winnable!

Over the next few years we will fire fifteen bureaucrats, shut down three government agencies, and cut waste by over \$4 million in Contra Costa (CoCo) County. But I'm going to need your help.

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Regional Activism Third Parties Hit the Silver Screen

by **Bob Banner**
Publisher of *HopeDance*

Sorely underreported third parties are spotlighted in *Third Party: Political Alternatives in the Age of Duopoly*, a new feature-length documentary film directed by Michael Burns (2003; 105 min.).

The film is full of interviews of representatives of some of the major players in the diverse world of third-party politics, namely: Libertarian (Ken Gordon), Green (Ralph Nader, Penny Teal, Elizabeth Horton Sheff, Mike DeRosa), Reform (Michael Zumbuskas), Labor (Preston Smith), Communist (Jarvis Tyner), Socialist (David McReynolds), Working

Families (Dan Cantor), and Workers World (Monica Moorehead) parties.

Intersplined with cool music and entertaining footage is commentary from activists and academics, including Ronnie Dugger, Francis Fox Piven, Howard Zinn, Jeremy Brecher, Joel Kovel, Howard Reiter, and Noam Chomsky. The film gives a wide historical span of third parties, as well as an understanding of their role in expanding the issues within the broader two-party system. There are discussions about third parties as spoilers, as well as a force to push more radical progressive issues into the discussion. The

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Partisan Politics: A Necessary Good



FROM THE CHAIR

It's that time in the election cycle when we are recruiting and qualifying partisan candidates for the 2004 elections. If you get a phone call asking you to run, give it serious consideration. If one of our candidates asks you to sign his or her nominating petition, please do so.

You may ask why we run candidates in partisan races in California when we are not yet large enough to make any slam-dunks.

The reason is simple. Partisan candidate campaigns can be an effective method of introducing people to our movement and bringing dues-paying members into the Libertarian Party, so that one day we will be able to win those partisan races.

The first Libertarian I ever met—I was 16 at the time—was a candidate running for State

Assembly: Daniel Wiener. He helped me form my initial impressions of the people in this party. Without him, I might not be a part of this movement today.

So, just what is an effective campaign for a Libertarian? Large campaigns conducted by major party candidates use vast quantities of direct mail, telephone calls, and television advertising—in essence, a wholesale endeavor. We can't afford a wholesale campaign that reaches tens of thousands of people at a time. And as long as we are small it doesn't make sense to invest resources like this.

So, just what is an effective campaign for a Libertarian?

But at our stage of development, it does make sense to do retail campaigns—meeting people one-on-one. Yes, as a candidate, you should answer the various interest groups' question-

naires and attend the forums, where you should definitely be well-versed on the issues relevant to your campaign. But your main focus should be getting out and meeting people.

One-on-one is the best way to earn votes, but more importantly, it is the best way to develop relationships with voters.



• Aaron Starr

If it were up to me, I'd have every partisan candidate focusing on making presentations in high school and college classrooms. This audience is composed of many voters, and soon-to-be voters, not yet aligned with a particular political party. They are our future.

As a candidate, remember: you represent us. For many people, you will be the only Libertarian they've ever met. They will judge us by how you come across. Treat them as you would a valued customer.

At this stage of our development, a successful partisan campaign cannot be measured by the number of votes. A successful

campaign should be gauged by the number of successful conversations you've had with voters, and by the number of newly registered Libertarians and new party contributors your campaign has generated.

At the end of the campaign, you should have a list of people with whom you spoke who either have joined the Party, or are willing to continue the conversation above and beyond your campaign. ●

Toward liberty!

Aaron Starr
Aaron Starr, CPA, Chairman

Letter to the Editor

Courtesy, Please

While I greatly appreciate all that the Westwell family does for the Libertarian Party ["Rally Report," September 2003, p. 8], I really don't find it funny to be taunting Governor Davis's staff that "in a very short while, all of them would 'not be there.'"

As much as we would like to see Davis recalled, it will no doubt be personally traumatic to his staff and their families. Seeing Libertarians gloat over their misfortune will only harden them against us, reinforcing a stereotype that we are callous and uncaring. ●

—Dr. Bradley Bobbs
Calabasas

"Spam" Testimony Served Up at FTC

In June, 2003, the Federal Trade Commission held a series of panels to gather inputs regarding impending "spam" legislation. LPC's Dave Schrader (Region 66) was asked to represent the viewpoint of his company, NCR's Teradata division, in the battle over electronic junk mail.

"My division builds very large data warehouses for companies like WalMart, SBC, 3M, and Bank of America. Information about customers enters their data warehouses, and the information is used often to run targeted marketing campaigns. As I began putting together the testimony, I realized that the best position for my company would be to show how the free market rewards responsible companies who do not spam their customers," said Schrader.

"In addition to the best practice examples from our customer base, I also asked for inputs from Ron Paul (current U.S. Representative from

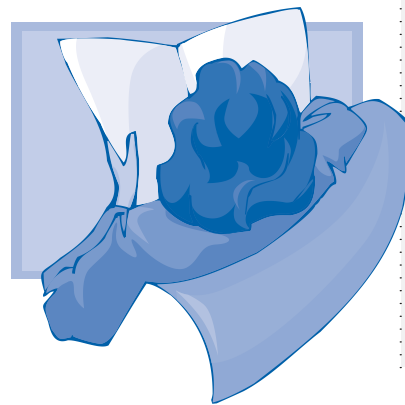
Texas, former LP candidate for President), and Adrian Moore at the Reason Foundation. I was very happy with the help I received from all of these organizations in a very quick timeframe."

The hearing in Washington D.C. was attended by about 120 people, including staffers for Representatives and Senators, lobbyists, and consumer advocate groups. "I received numerous compliments from people who enjoyed my viewpoint," said Schrader. "Too often 'big business' takes a lot of hits, so as a defender of the people who don't spam but need to continue collecting information, my testimony gave 'the other side of the story.' Think about it: if companies cannot collect information, then all advertising will be spam, because companies can't target appropriately."

The day after his testimony, Schrader appeared on numerous local morning TV

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FROM THE EDITOR



Thanks

November brings with it our American Thanksgiving holiday. Here's what I'm thankful for:

Hiram Johnson, our 23rd governor, for empowering California's citizens to fire their governor. Government by the people!

Ned Roscoe and Jack Hickey, who stepped up to the plate as LPC's gubernatorial candidates in the recall election.

States such as Florida and Nevada, which still respect and uphold my right to keep and bear arms.

Libertarian activists, such as Scott Wilson and Dave Schrader, spreading the word of libertarian solutions. [pages 1 and 2]

Folks like Richard Winger, will-

ing undertake the research needed to fight bad laws. [page 8]

All of the contributors—past and future—to this newspaper. I'm grateful for my health and that of my family members, and I wish LPC members and their families a safe, abundant, happy, and free holiday!

In October, noncandidates contributed innovative advice to whoever has won the state's top spot after the recall. The recall preys on our minds still here at *California Freedom*, so we've sprinkled advice throughout this issue too. Enjoy! ●

Elizabeth C. Brierly
Elizabeth C. Brierly, Editor

Trick or treat? Knocking on doors yields goodies

by **Scott Lieberman**

Member, LP of Santa Clara County

As reported in the September issue of *California Freedom*, Aaron Starr took a few LP members out to Imperial County in July, going door to door to meet registered Libertarians, and managed to triple the number of LP members in that county. Quite a trick!

Aaron wanted to reprise the undertaking in another county, so on a sunny, 92-degree Sunday in late September, Aaron and five other LPC members knocked on over 50 doors in Campbell. Modest Campbell, a bedroom community with a total population of 38,000, is adjacent to sprawling San Jose. We started out by meeting for breakfast at the Coco's restaurant in Campbell, plotted our strategy, and starting driving.

My recruitment buddy was Mark Hinkle. Since I live just a mile from Campbell, had the advantage of familiarity with the town's street layout. Therefore, Mark and I were able to knock

on 39 doors in just seven hours. Of those 39 homes, only about five of our registered Libertarians were home. Of those five, we recruited one new member.

The other two teams paired up Reid and Margarita Judd, and Aaron Starr with M Carling. The other two teams were able to garner three new members, so the final tally was four new members for about 36 man-hours of work. If someone was not home, and we had a phone number, we used Aaron's technique and called them from their doorsteps using our cell phone. By doing that, and by talking to relatives who were home, we got some additional leads. We might get one or two additional members in the next few weeks from those leads.

As a confirmed introvert, I did not predict that I would enjoy this project. Afterwards, I must admit it was not nearly as bad as I'd thought it would be. I think the payback in terms of new members per hour was not very satisfactory, but I really, really, really like the idea



• Scott Lieberman

of making personal contact with our registered Libertarians. How do you think all those Democrat precinct chairmen get all those Democrat voters to go to the polls?

If we can tweak this idea a little bit to increase the yield from nine man-hours per new LP member to say, two or three man-hours per new member, this activity would be attractive enough such that many regions could be motivated to visit at least some of their registered Libertarians once or twice each year.

More members means more money. More money enables us to increase the scope of Operation Breakthrough. More Operation Breakthrough means more elected Libertarians. What a treat! •

Scott Lieberman is a self-employed radiologist and currently serves as Chair of the San Jose Advisory Commission on Rents. His primary cause with the LP is electing Libertarians to local office.

Welcome Aboard!

The LPC welcomes these 20 members who joined in September, including schoolteacher Stephen Harris, John Kenefick, a CPA and partner in his own firm, Michael Moore, a law student, registered nurse Paul Netto, and Todd Frech, a student at CSU Fresno. We hope to get better acquainted with all of you at your regional LP events, as well as our annual state party convention in March. •

Angela Akridge Newark
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Eugene Wheeler ... Diamond Bar

Meeting Notice

The quarterly meeting of the **LPC Executive Committee** will be held on Saturday, December 20, 2003 from 10:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

Tentative venue:

Westin Hotel

Los Angeles Internat'l Airport

5400 West Century Blvd.

Los Angeles, CA 90045

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Be alert for a possible venue change by checking our web site at: www.CA.LP.org



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Mark Your Calendar! You Too Could be a Delegate!

by **Mark Hinkle**

Manager, LPC Convention 2004

Don't miss the delights of a weekend getaway with like-minded folks at the next LPC convention!

Join us in San Jose on Friday, March 12 through Sunday, March 14, 2004, as we drive down the "road to success," the theme for this year's convention.

The Doubletree Hotel at the S.J. airport, the site of the convention, will have completed a \$4 million renovation by the start of the convention, yet the room rates will remain a low \$89 per night (plus tax), single or double occupancy.

Libertarian actor Dean Cameron has just been confirmed as a featured speaker! The roster of guest speakers also includes

PayPal co-founder Peter Thiel, presidential hopefuls Gary Nolan and Michael Badnarik, LNC Chair Geoff Neale, marijuana activist Rev. Lynnette Shaw, LP National Director Joe Seehusen, San Diego LP activist and tax fighter extraordinaire Richard Rider.

Invited but yet to be confirmed are KGO radio host Gene Burns, noted attorney Manny Klausner, and the Chair of the Economics Department at San Jose State University, Lydia Ortega. Also invited is author and clinical psychologist Michael Edelstein, Ph.D.

Check back next month for more additions to the program. For inquiries in the meantime, send e-mail to Convention@CA.LP.org. •



• Mark Hinkle

The Bylaws Committee is already hard at work preparing for the March 2004 LPC convention, and it appears that the majority is in favor of a dramatic change to our method of selecting delegates to the state convention.

Currently, delegates are allotted to each active region based on the size of their membership. The region then elects no more than that at their regional election. This has been limiting attendance for several reasons:

- only active regions can send delegates;
- each region has an attendance cap;
- prospective delegates normally must attend a local election, which might be inconvenient; and
- prospective delegates would need to know well in advance that they are going to attend the convention.

These factors may explain why some states with a fraction of our population have much better convention attendance than we do.

The Bylaws Committee is proposing that we scrap the entire system of regional allotments of delegates and instead, simply allow all members in good standing to be delegates. Not only would this change help increase attendance at LPC conventions, but it would greatly simplify the credentialing process and give us an opportunity to recruit new members by inviting registered Libertarians to attend our convention.

Most everyone with whom we've spoken favors this change, so we're encouraging every member to attend the 2004 convention, since if this proposal passes, it's almost certain that you will be seated as a delegate.

In addition, you'll be happy to know that we're compressing the convention to two weekend days, so you will not have to miss a day of work.

The 2004 Bylaws Committee is composed of M Carling (committee chairman), Lori Adasiewicz, Mark Hinkle, Aaron Starr, and Bob Weber. •



ADVICE FOR THE NEW GOVERNOR

Tell us the truth; don't tell us what we want to hear. No B.S.!

"You wanted the job; you got it. Take the blame and take the credit."

—Diane Rhodes
Administrative Assistant
Los Angeles

High expectations with low money just doesn't work. A state government needs to accept that reality."

—Terry C. Savage
CIO of the State of Nevada
Former LPC Executive Committee Rep

ADVICE FOR THE NEW GOVERNOR

Get rid of state-provided personal vehicles for legislators, and get rid of the 40% increase in personnel over the last five years by Governor Gumbly Doofus. Get a good businessman

in there to clean it up.

"Send the money to the classroom, not the bureaucracy."

—Carol Amato
President,
Stargazer Publishing Co.

Libertarians Disturbed by Sheriff's Counterterrorism Policy

Fresno, October 3, 2003

The Libertarian Party of Fresno County expressed serious concerns today about the statement of Fresno County Sheriff Richard Pierce about the policy of the department's Anti-Terrorism Unit. LPFC Chair Rodney Austin said that the policy, as stated by Pierce, "is anti-liberty and anti-justice, as well as being ineffective policing and a waste of the taxpayers' money. The Sheriff should amend the policy, or if he won't, the County Board of Supervisors should amend it."

Pierce's statement addressed allegations printed in today's *Fresno Bee* by the anti-war group Peace Fresno, that the late sheriff's detective Aaron Kilner monitored Peace Fresno meetings on behalf of the Anti-Terrorism Unit.

Austin said that whether the allegation is true or not, the response of the sheriff is "disturbing." Austin criticized the stated policy because it allows the de-



• Rodney Austin

partment to visit any place and attend any event that is open to the public, even if there is no reasonable evidence that criminal activities have taken place, or are suspected to be taking place. "If indeed Mr. Kilner or any other officer was or is monitoring the activities of a local organization such as Peace Fresno, which outwardly expresses nonviolence and has no history of engaging in violence, that is an outrageous use of government authority."

Austin suggested that the

policy should explicitly require evidence that a criminal act has been or is being committed, and further evidence that an attendee of the event has participated in, or has information about, the criminal act. "The idea

Spending resources on non-threats will lead to reduced readiness when true threats occur.

that it is good public policy to prevent crime by going to an event cold and expecting to stumble onto evidence or onto a crime in progress is strange to my thinking," said Austin. "That officer should be spending his time on crimes that have taken place or are actually taking place,

and not wasting our money on false suspicions. Spending resources on non-threats will lead to reduced readiness when true threats occur."

It is the consequences of the sheriff's policies toward liberty and justice that are the most disturbing to Austin. "Having the Sheriff's Department monitoring our peaceful and consensual activities detracts from our happiness and prosperity. It also marginalizes and penalizes the holders of certain political beliefs, making them second-class citizens. This is not what a free and just society is about."

"Our party [the LPFC] takes a back seat to no one in our support for defending our citizens' persons and property from terrorists and everyday criminals. We simply reject the premise that spying on citizens without prior cause is an acceptable public policy toward that goal." •

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ADVICE FOR THE NEW GOVERNOR

Take advantage of that mystical and meaningless piece of paper known as a 'pardon' to free every prisoner who is being held for victimless crimes.

"Why do I say a pardon is 'mystical and meaningless'? Because of course the prison guards have no right to hold anyone who hasn't aggressed. Under libertarian principles they must let every such prisoner walk free—unilaterally.

"But prison guards, like most people, are so morally bankrupt that they think right and wrong are determined by the government. So—use your imaginary power for good!"

—Laura Stewart
QA Engineer, LPC
Platform Committee
Aficionado
Mountain View

Watch out for the next recall."

—Bob G.
Engineer



Win Free Airfare to LP National Convention in Atlanta

Free round-trip airfare to the LP's 2004 national convention in Atlanta will be awarded to between one and five LPC members!

To enter the contest, simply sign up as many new monthly pledgers as you can before December 31, 2003. The four LPC members who sign up the most pledges to any combination of LP national, LPC, and LPC regions will be automatic winners.

Also, a drawing will be conducted at the March 2003 LPC convention at which one additional winner will be selected at random from all those who signed up new pledgers.

Signing up more or bigger pledgers will increase your chances to win. •

Two Ways to Win

The Fine Print: Initial payment for all pledges must be received after July 1, 2003 and before December 31, 2003. Pledges canceled or not paid in full as of the LPC convention in March 2004 will not count. Only one person can take credit for each pledge or part thereof. Drawing will be held only if total new pledges to the LPC from all sources during the period July 1, 2003 to December 31, 2003 reach \$2,000 per month. The drawing will be made from a hat containing one slip of paper bearing the contestant's name for each \$10 per month of pledges signed up by that contestant. Automatic winners must sign up at least \$2,000 per month of new pledges to qualify. If no one signs up \$2,000 of new monthly pledges, the LPC member who signed up the most new pledges will win. New and existing pledges by existing members may count toward one's own efforts. Only new pledges may count toward another's efforts. Prizes contributed by M Carling. Interpretation of contest rules will be made by M Carling, subject to appeal to the LPC Judiciary Committee. M Carling not qualified to win. Questions may be addressed to M@idiom.com.

Media Relations



Shall We Recall Recalling Davis... Fondly?

Edward Bowers (that's me), your LPC Media Relations Committee Chair and Chair of the San Fernando Valley LP, has chronicled libertarian activity in the Recall Gray Davis effort from the perspective of one libertarian recall activist (again, that would be me).

The compilation of articles, press releases (from the first one in February announcing our resolution backing the Recall, to a re-

cent one you will hopefully have seen by the time this newspaper goes to press), e-mails, and letters written to the editor has been posted onto the web and titled "The Recallist Papers," with a nod, for better or worse, to our country's founders. •

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shows and Fox's network of 498 stations, as well as local and national radio shows, including Moneywatch and the Armed Forces Radio Network. "The results were good—about 2.5 million people saw me on TV and another 22 million heard me on radio. I also wrote an article that's posted to [Teradata's] web site, 'Seven Things that Consumers Can Do to Combat Bad Marketing.'"

"The most gratifying response arrived a few minutes after the radio show in Minneapolis. Someone driving to work heard me and wrote an e-mail saying he'd already downloaded the paper, sent it to his congressmen, and also sent it on to people at work. He really, really liked the free market approach." In August, as a result of his work in the USA, Schrader was invited to

do print media interviews in the U.K. and Germany.

Some of Schrader's other work, including television, involves providing negative feedback about bad advertisements on the Internet. (See sidebar for links to this work and related articles.)

"It's been an interesting year," says Schrader, "because I was able to integrate so eas-

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■ Opinion

Terminator Recall: Stay out of our personal lives

by Andrew Key

LP Member, Technical Writer

Arnold Schwarzenegger, as a California gubernatorial candidate, commented publicly on the Sean Hannity talk radio show.

He repeated his support for abortion rights but noted that he opposed the procedures that abortion opponents call "partial birth" abortion, and said he supports requiring teenagers to notify parents before undergoing an abortion.

These are religious/ethical/personal issues, not issues of government. Further, "requiring" places the state in the position of Super Parent. It's not the job of government to keep people from sinning, or condone another's disapproval of it; if abortion is "murder," as some proclaim, it is yet to be proven, and cannot be a crime until it is. Neither is it the job of government to Ground Parents, perpetually—the consequences of which will probably be a reversion to quack surgery in the back room of a seedy bar. Better to have par-

ents (and whoever else) forgive the sinner, which requires no social law at all.

He also said he backed giving gay couples the right to form domestic partnerships; he opposed allowing them to marry because "marriage should be between a man and a woman."

"Giving" gay couples the right? Pardon me, don't they already have rights that you/government don't have to grant (as if you could)? Including entering into mutually-agreed-upon contracts? *Protecting their rights of association*—such as "family" or spousal-like visits in hospitals—is another issue, and what Arnle should be aiming for. Marriage already is between a man and woman, and their implicit if not explicit ownership of that fact should be *protected*. Even a kindergarten cop could figure that out.

On KABC's Larry Elder program, in Los Angeles, Schwarzenegger said he supported several gun control measures, including background checks, trigger locks, a ban on assault rifles, and efforts to re-

strict the sale of guns at gun shows. But he added pointedly that he believed the Second Amendment to the Constitution guarantees individuals the right to bear arms.

Like they checked the backgrounds of people who attended flight schools? Do we *already* have the right, or not?

Arnold said he supported the war in Iraq.

Arnle is seriously under-read. And, in my mind, his support raises some serious concern about his lack of humanity, if nothing else.

Schwarzenegger says he thinks marijuana should be made available for medicinal purposes but opposed decriminalization of drugs.

No, no, no, Arnle—you don't get it. Checked on how that War on Drugs is running lately? Figured out why we have more and more drugs after throwing more and more money at it?

Schwarzenegger said he opposed offshore oil drilling absolutely and wants the federal government to buy back leases that oil companies currently hold in

federally-controlled waters.

Why don't you buy them, Arnle? You can control them 'til you die. And you won't have to use government force to force people out of business and force us to pay for it, and pay to sustain "your" oil rigs.

He also said he supported school prayer....

I do, too—in privately-owned schools that want to do so. But we need to keep church and state separate, Arnle, until we get the government out of schools entirely, and put them to work making shoes; I'm sure some legislators can be taught to make simple sandals. Maybe flip-flops.

He declined to disclose his views on affirmative action, saying he was still studying the issue.

Somebody, give Arnle the Conservative Phrase Book. Or use mine, Arnle. It's the dictionary: look up the word "merit."

Later, on a Sacramento radio program, Schwarzenegger said he opposed school vouchers, which have support among many conservative leaders. (See my comment about getting the govern-

ment out of schools.)

"I'm pretty conservative," Arnold said on Hannity's show. "...The first thing I'm going to do is go into Sacramento and put a spending cap on the politicians, because they can't help themselves, because it's ridiculous to spend money that you don't have."

Well, if you get the chance, and it works, how long do you think it will take until those politicians reverse whatever law you get passed? Check with your friend Milton Friedman, Arnle; I'm certain *he* knows better.

Hannity told his audience, "I'm surprised how honest [Schwarzenegger] was. I just think it was refreshing." Not really *honest*, Hannity, but *candid*. I'm glad for Arnold's candor, too. It has allowed me to find out, sadly, that Arnold is just another politician in actor's clothing. ●

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Recall: A Question of Purpose

by Al Segalla

Chair, Gold Country Libertarians

What effect will the Davis recall have on the California economy? Perhaps the answer to that question depends on the nature of the problem. If the recall is based mostly on the low popularity poll results and questionable personal honesty of the Governor, then it's likely we will see little change. If, on the other hand, the recall is more about public rejection of the perceived expansion by the state government of regulation and taxation, driving the state to insolvency, then there is hope for the taxpayer.

Perhaps underlying all is the question of purpose.

If the purpose of state government is to serve the people with goods and services, as the Soviet Union did, then it must expand to control not only energy and transportation, but also housing, food, and all other human needs. As this process continues, we will need a wall to prevent people from fleeing California.

But if the purpose is, as stated in the constitution, to

protect the life, liberty, and property rights of all California citizens, we have a chance—a real chance—to return to fiscal sanity with a shrinking of the bloated state government. Clearly a libertarian purpose.

The recall could be very good news for the taxpayer. Although this change in the perceived legitimate purpose of government is a paradigm shift, this shift may be occurring already. As evidence of this, on July 26, 2003, the state senate passed a measure to shut down unneeded government bureaucracy. The new legislation, Senate Bill 9 by State Senator Tom McClintock (R-Thousand Oaks) was approved by a vote of 36 to 0. The bill sets up a Bureaucracy Realignment and Closure Commission to identify, downsize, or eliminate obsolete state bureaucracies.

The Senator's web site reported that the legislation is modeled after the federal military base realignment and closure commission which successfully closed 90 obsolete military bases, saving \$20 billion per year. McClintock's legislation applies the same mechanism to a similar problem.

The difficulty in conducting such a review—and acting upon

it—is that every program has a highly motivated constituency that jealously and expertly guards its budget.

Faced with the long overdue need to close obsolete military bases, the federal government had confronted the same paralysis caused by interest group pressure. Ultimately, Congress broke the gridlock when it removed the task of reviewing bases from the political arena and gave it to independent management experts who made a comprehensive recommendation for a single up-or-down vote.

SB 9 will commission independent management experts to examine state bureaucracies to determine which perform obsolete or duplicate services. The plan will be presented to the Legislature for a single yes or no vote.

So, as we move forward in this recall process, if freedom-loving citizens focus on purpose rather than personality, we will be more likely to realize a paradigm shift resulting in long-lasting positive change. ●

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sion, tyranny, or the domination of a gove-
chosen; political independence. 2. The sta-
being free, as from confinement; release, as
slavery. 3. Freedom of thought or action
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Winnable Plan

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Background

CoCo County taxpayers created three Hospital Care Districts (West County, Mt. Diablo, and Los Mendanos) to ensure that the hospitals properly served their areas of influence. These districts did such a good job that to avoid bankruptcy, all three hospitals had to be sold or merged with other hospitals. No longer having hospitals to oversee, the three districts Orwellianly renamed themselves "Healthcare Districts" and reallocated their funds. For example, in 2002 the Mt. Diablo Healthcare District budgeted \$500 for Community Services from a budget of \$200,000. Although the Los Mendanos District went bankrupt in 1994, it continues to pay off construction bonds from taxes paid by CoCo County residents.

In 1996, 1998, and 2000, the CoCo County Grand Jury investigated one or more of these Districts. In all cases, they recommended the same thing—Shut 'em Down!—because they are, at best, redundant bureaucracies. The Grand Jury found

that the County could do the job of the Districts without additional cost to the taxpayers.

Each district has five directors making \$100 per meeting plus expenses and administration. For the three districts, this amounts to roughly \$400,000 a year, plus \$494,000 for their lawyers. They also receive an insane retirement package after twelve years of "service" on the Board.

The Contra Costa Times has written editorials calling to Shut 'em Down! And that is what we are going to do: Shut 'em Down!

In November, 2004, there are three director seats up for re-election in the Mt. Diablo District (a majority), two in Los Mendanos, and two in West County. I want to run seven candidates singing the same song: "Elect me and WE will Shut 'em Down!"

At the same time, I'm planning to have our candidates and volunteers circulate Citizen Petitions to Shut 'em Down! per the Grand Jury report, just in case.

These are non-partisan races that require no filing fee or ballot access petition signatures. We

don't even have to file until July, 2004. This time we are ahead of the curve and not playing catch-up.

With seven candidates/activists pooling their resources and knowledge, over a year to get ready, a Libertarian-led and multi-party candidate/activist/volunteer base of a few dozen, and a two-pronged approach with the citizen petitions, I know the Libertarian Party can make a dramatic, politically relevant, and memorably Libertarian statement with the voters of Contra Costa County.

Progress to Date

I'm running for a Mt. Diablo District Director seat. Jim Wolfe, a professional psychologist, has offered to run for a Mt. Diablo seat. Frank Manske would prefer to take a third shot at an Assembly seat, but might be persuaded to win in Mt. Diablo if no other suitable candidate is available. I have approached EBLP member George Amberg for West County, and Alliance of Contra Costa Taxpayers' Executive Director Ralph Hernandez for Los Mendanos. Candidacies are still available.

I am pledging \$100 a month to the "Shut 'em Down!" campaign fund until they are.

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when you wake up on November 6, 2004 and you look in the newspaper to find out election returns, you are going to say, "Wow! I helped make that happen. I helped Shut 'em Down!" ●

Scott Wilson has served as editor of LPC Monthly, and was editor of the Libertarian Lifeline in EBLP 1998-2003. He was web site secretary for Harry Browne's 1996 Presidential campaign. In 2000, Wilson defeated a countywide \$650 million sales tax increase while running for Mt. Diablo Health Care District. Then in 2002 he ran for Congress. Wilson may be reached at SWilson@CA.Astound.net.

ADVICE FOR THE NEW GOVERNOR

Institute an employee suggestion program similar to the ones used in private business. State employees would get a percentage (I'd suggest 20%) for ideas that save the government money.

"For example, a government employee suggests that outsourcing a program could save the government \$1 million

the first year. As a reward, the employee would get a check (ideally tax free) for \$200,000.

"Incentives work! Let's get state government employees working with us to reduce the cost of government."

—Mark Hinkle
Former LPC Chair, Retired
Engineering Manager
Gilroy

Silver Screen

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interviewees articulate vital aspects of creating genuine democracy. Proportional representation and instant run-off voting are explored briefly.

A subplot, as it were, that runs throughout this excellent documentary is the Mike DeRosa campaign for the Senate in Hartford, Connecticut. The cameras follow his campaign on the Green Party ticket, revealing the grueling struggle both internally as well as culturally to disseminate his and the Green Party's messages.

The U.S. has the lowest voter turnout of all "democratically elected" governments.

Throughout the film the viewer is given factoids revealing shabby voter turnout. In the 2002 presidential election a mere 37% of registered voters visited their polling places. The U.S. has the lowest voter turnout of all "democratically elected" governments. And did you know that at this time

there are more independent and non-affiliates in the country than Republicans and Democrats?

In December a showing of the film is being planned in San Luis Obispo, followed by talks by a Green Party representative as well as a Libertarian (with representatives of other third parties being welcome too), about third party politics in the county. The event is not intended as a debate on issues, but simply a chance for the audience to have their questions answered about third-party politics.

The Libertarian Party of San Luis Obispo is helping to promote the event. Interested in co-sponsoring this event or providing feedback? Contact Bob Banner, the publisher of HopeDance, at www.HopeDance.org. ●

To view the trailer for *Third Party: Political Alternatives in the Age of Duopoly* and to learn more about the film, visit www.ThirdPartyPolitics.org, or contact Bob Banner at (805) 544-9663.



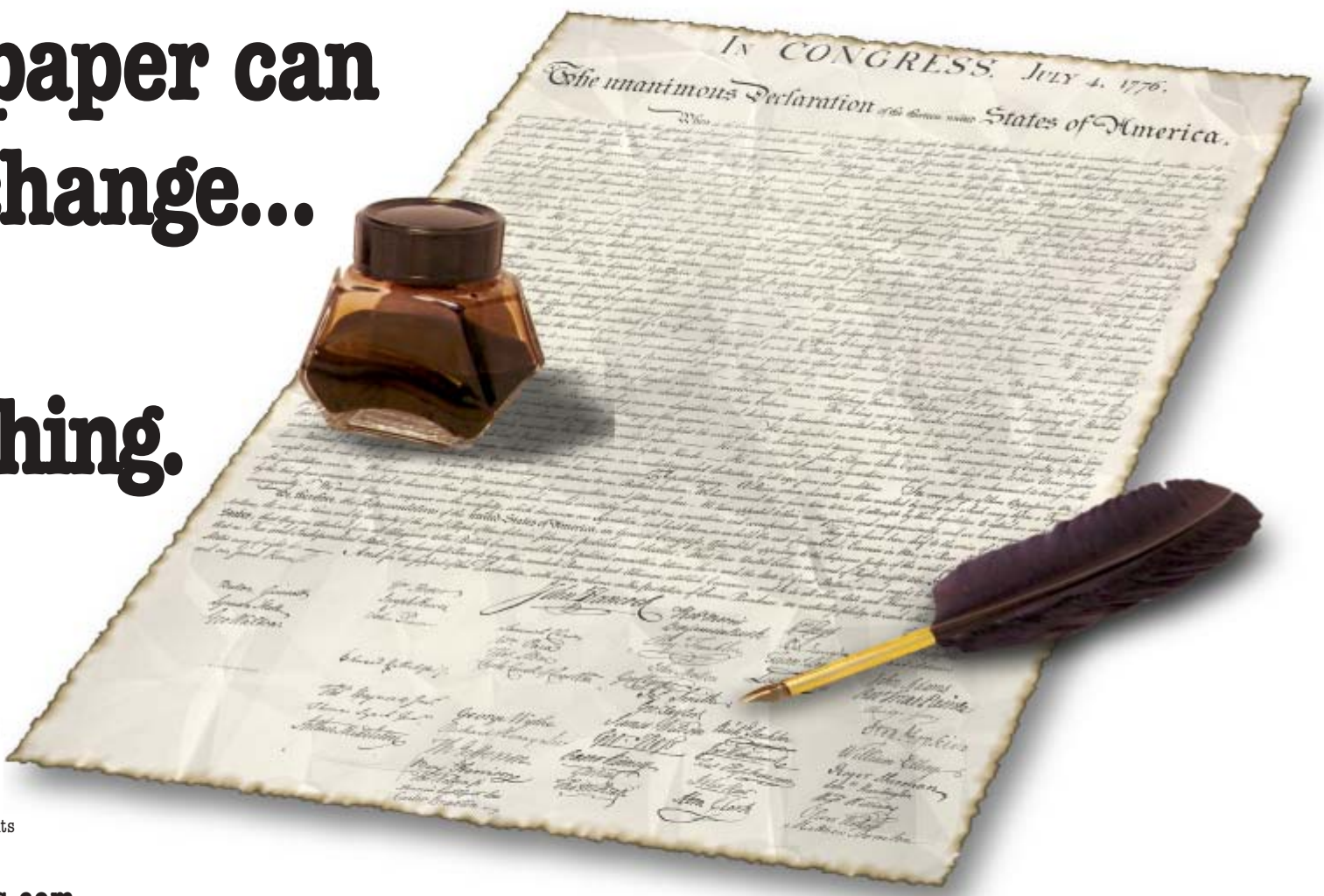
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Doublethink Alert:

Voter Choice is Good, So Let's Ban Voter Choice

by **Richard Winger**
Editor, *Ballot Access News*

A new ballot initiative could spell the annihilation of all but the two major political parties in California.

As of October 1, an initiative sporting the misleading moniker "Voter Choice Open Primary Act" has been filed by a group of Californians.

The proposed law would provide that all candidates for partisan federal and state office would appear on the March primary ballot.

All voters would receive the same ballot and could vote for any candidate listed, regardless of party affiliation. Only the top two vote-getters for each office would have a run-off in November. Effectively, there would be no access to the November ballot for anyone, except by having placed #1 or #2 in March. Write-in space would still exist.

I believe the proposed initiative is poor public policy, and that it might very well be un-

constitutional. In *Williams vs. Rhodes*, the U.S. Supreme Court said that the right to freedom of association dictates that parties not yet big enough to win, must nevertheless be permitted on the ballot.

The initiative would banish nearly all third-party candidates from general election ballots.

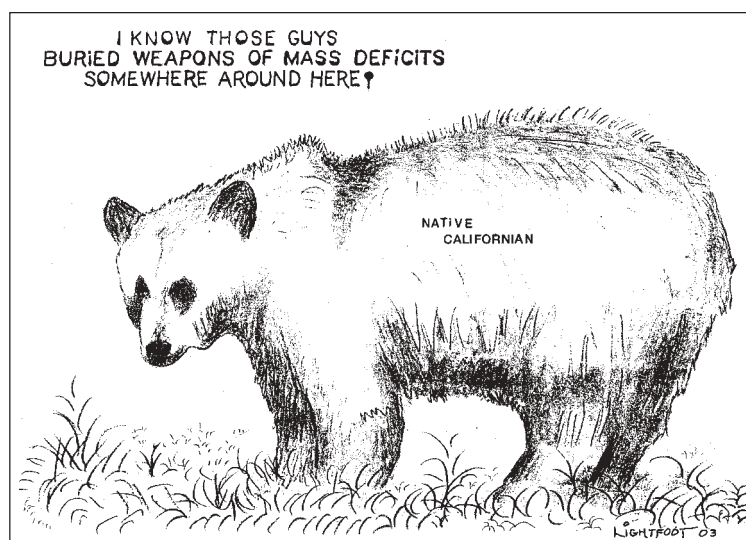
This Louisiana-style election procedure would hold true for all state and federal offices except president.

The group, supported by wealthy backers, has already paid several well-known elec-

tion law professors to write the initiative, including Rick Hasen of Los Angeles, whom the press considers to be the top election law expert in California. And they have already conducted polls that predict it will pass overwhelmingly with a 75% majority.

I am considering co-founding group to be called "Californians to Keep our Multi-Party System" or the like, to oppose the initiative, whose craftsmen hope to fool voters into thinking that it gives them more choices. To the contrary: in general elections, it would give Californians a choice between just two candidates, who would invariably be only Democrats and/or Republicans. Anyone interested in exploring ideas to stop the initiative in its tracks should let me know.

I would like Senators Tom McClintock and John Vasconcellos to be honorary heads of this opposition group, whatever its eventual name. The Voter Choice Open Primary Initiative advocates will claim that only



• Will Arnold unearth the solution to the deficit?

the "party bosses" oppose their initiative. McClintock and Vasconcellos, while members of the major parties, are clearly not "party bosses"; voters know that McClintock has bucked the "party bosses" by refusing to withdraw his gubernatorial campaign. That is why these two would be solid leaders for this effort.

I decided research was in order. I examined all of California's blanket primaries: all elections held in 1998 and 2000, plus special elections dating back to 1971. Of the 398 elections, not once did a minor party place first or second (except, obviously, the scant 12 times with just one

major party candidate). I predict that in the vast majority of primaries of the type being promoted by the Voter Choice Open Primary gang, only Democrats and Republicans will ever arrive at the top two slots. If so, nearly all third-party candidates will be banished from general election ballots.

And that charge should make it unpopular. ●

A native Californian, Richard Winger earned his Political Science degree from U.C. Berkeley. He joined the Libertarian Party in 1972, and has published Ballot Access News since 1985. He has testified in approximately 100 constitutional election law court cases, including the case invalidating California's blanket primary. Mr. Winger can be reached at ban@richardwinger.com.

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by **Edward Bowers**
Chair, Media Relations Committee

Put the "free" in "freelance journalist." If you felt the libertarian angle on the Recall Election and other stories of the day have been mostly ignored, why not do something about it?

You libertarians have written your share of letters to the editor. I'll bet some of you have dreamt of being a reporter. Perhaps some of our younger mem-

bers are studying journalism or broadcasting. Why not put those instincts to work for liberty?

Here's an idea: If you cover it, it will get reported on. OK, so maybe it's not as catchy as that line from *Field of Dreams*. One way for Libertarians to take part in the political scene and win coverage of our events is to struggle to get into debates, or perhaps to fight for five minutes' airtime at a rally.

But we can attack the news and news coverage from the other angle as well. Grab a camera, a microphone, a pad and pencil, and be a reporter.

Heck, any member of the party is a potential columnist or reporter for *this* newspaper. Practice your skills here at *California Freedom* and then submit your work to your local paper too! Just getting out there and doing it is halfway to legitimacy. I'm sure you can be as "fair and balanced" as the next guy. ●



Spam

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ily the LP view and my company's position. Thanks to the libertarian viewpoint, I had what everyone perceived as very good, common-sense solutions that were newsworthy. In some of the interviews, I made the point that I don't believe in Santa Claus, or the tooth fairy, or the Easter bunny, nor the ability of government to simply pass a law and make the spam problem go away." ●

For more on "spam":

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